The use of machine learning with signal- and NLP processing of source code to detect and classify vulnerabilities and weaknesses with MARFCAT

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- We present a machine learning approach to static code analysis for weaknesses related to security and others with the open-source MARF framework and its application to for the NIST's SATE 2010 static analysis tool exposition workshop [ODBN10].
- MARFCAT MARF-based Code Analysis Tool [Mok10c]
- MARF [The10, Mok08, MD08, Mok10b, Mok10a]

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- Machine learning
- Spectral and NLP techniques

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- Teach the system from the CVE-based cases
- Test on the CVE-based cases
- Test on the non-CVE-based cases

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- CVEs [NIS10a, NIS10b]
- CWEs [VM10] and/or our custom-made, e.g. per our classification methodology in [MLB07]
- Types (sink, path, fix)
- Line numbers (!)

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Basic Methodology

- Compile meta-XML files from the CVE reports (line numbers, CVE, CWE, fragment size, etc.). Partly done by a Perl script and partly manually.
- Train the system based on the meta files to build the knowledge base (learn).
- Test on the training data for the same case (e.g. Tomcat 5.5.13 on 5.5.13 with the same annotations).
- Test on the testing data for the same case (e.g. Tomcat 5.5.13 on 5.5.13 without the annotations).
- Test on the testing data for the fixed case of the same software (Tomcat 5.5.13 on Tomcat 5.5.29).
- Test on the testing data for the general case (Tomcat 5.5.13 on Pebble).

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Current top precision:

- ► Wireshark:
 - ▶ CVEs (signal): 92.68%, CWEs (signal): 86.11%,
 - CVEs (NLP): 83.33%, CWEs (NLP): 58.33%
- Tomcat:
 - CVEs (signal): 83.72%, CWEs (signal): 81.82%,
 - CVEs (NLP): 87.88%, CWEs (NLP): 39.39%
- Chrome:
 - CVEs (signal): 90.91%, CWEs (signal): 100.00%,
- Dovecot:
 - ▶ 14 warnings; but it appears all quality or false positive
 - (very hard to follow the code, severely undocumented)
- Pebble:
 - none found during quick testing :-(

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- What follows are some select statistical measurements of the precision in recognizing CVEs and CWEs under different configurations using the signal processing and NLP processing. The complete set of statistics submitted is with the SATE-released data and even more complete is with the companion paper [Mok10c].
- "Second guess" statistics provided to see if the hypothesis that if our first estimate of a CVE/CWE is incorrect, the next one in line is probably the correct one. Both are counted if the first guess is correct.

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Preliminary Results III

Wireshark, CVE-based

guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,-nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,38,3,92.68 1st,2,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,38,3,92.68 1st,3,-nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,29,12,70.73 1st,4,-nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,26,15,63.41 1st,5,-nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,23,18,56.10 1st,6,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,37,51,42.05 2nd,1,-nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,39,2,95.12 2nd,2,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,39,2,95.12 2nd,3,-nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,34,7,82.93 2nd,4,-nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,28,13,68.29 2nd,5,-nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,31,10,75.61 2nd,6,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,38,50,43.18 guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,CVE-2009-3829,6,0,100.00 1st.2.CVE-2009-2563.6.0.100.00 1st,3,CVE-2009-2562,6,0,100.00 1st,4,CVE-2009-4378,6,0,100.00 1st,5,CVE-2009-4376,6,0,100.00

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Preliminary Results IV

1st,6,CVE-2010-0304,6,0,100.00 1st.7.CVE-2010-2286.6.0.100.00 1st,8,CVE-2010-2283,6,0,100.00 1st.9.CVE-2009-3551.6.0.100.00 1st.10.CVE-2009-3550.6.0.100.00 1st,11,CVE-2009-3549,6,0,100.00 1st.12.CVE-2009-3241.16.8.66.67 1st,13,CVE-2010-1455,34,20,62.96 1st,14,CVE-2009-3243,18,11,62.07 1st.15.CVE-2009-2560.8.6.57.14 1st,16,CVE-2009-2561,6,5,54.55 1st.17.CVE-2010-2285.6.5.54.55 1st.18.CVE-2009-2559.6.5.54.55 1st,19,CVE-2010-2287,6,6,50.00 1st,20,CVE-2009-4377,12,15,44.44 1st,21,CVE-2010-2284,6,9,40.00 1st,22,CVE-2009-3242,7,12,36.84 2nd.1.CVE-2009-3829.6.0.100.00 2nd,2,CVE-2009-2563,6,0,100.00 2nd, 3, CVE-2009-2562, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd.4.CVE-2009-4378.6.0.100.00 2nd,5,CVE-2009-4376,6,0,100.00

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Preliminary Results V

2nd.6.CVE-2010-0304.6.0.100.00 2nd,7,CVE-2010-2286,6,0,100.00 2nd.8.CVE-2010-2283.6.0.100.00 2nd,9,CVE-2009-3551,6,0,100.00 2nd, 10, CVE-2009-3550, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd, 11, CVE-2009-3549, 6, 0, 100, 00 2nd, 12, CVE-2009-3241, 17, 7, 70.83 2nd.13.CVE-2010-1455.44.10.81.48 2nd, 14, CVE-2009-3243, 18, 11, 62, 07 2nd, 15, CVE-2009-2560, 9, 5, 64.29 2nd.16.CVE-2009-2561.6.5.54.55 2nd, 17, CVE-2010-2285, 6, 5, 54.55 2nd, 18, CVE-2009-2559, 6, 5, 54.55 2nd, 19, CVE-2010-2287, 12, 0, 100, 00 2nd, 20, CVE-2009-4377, 12, 15, 44.44 2nd.21.CVE-2010-2284.6.9.40.00 2nd,22,CVE-2009-3242,7,12,36.84

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Preliminary Results VI

Wireshark, CWE-based

guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,31,5,86.11 1st,2,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,31,5,86.11 1st,3,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,29,7,80.56 1st,4,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,22,14,61.11 1st,5,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,33,25,56.90 1st,6,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,20,16,55.56 2nd,1,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,33,3,91.67 2nd,2,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,33,3,91.67 2nd,3,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,33,3,91.67 2nd,4,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,27,9,75.00 2nd,5,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,41,17,70.69 2nd,6,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,22,14,61.11 guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,CWE-399,6,0,100.00 1st.2.NVD-CWE-Other.17.3.85.00 1st,3,CWE-20,50,10,83.33 1st,4,CWE-189,8,2,80.00 1st.5.NVD-CWE-noinfo.72.40.64.29

1st,6,CWE-119,13,17,43.33
2nd,1,CWE-399,6,0,100.00
2nd,2,NVD-CWE-Other,17,3,85.00
2nd,3,CWE-20,52,8,86.67
2nd,4,CWE-189,8,2,80.00
2nd,5,NVD-CWE-noinfo,83,29,74.11
2nd,6,CWE-119,23,7,76.67

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Preliminary Results VIII

Wireshark, CVE-based (NLP)

guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,-nopreprep -char -unigram -add-delta ,30,6,83.33 2nd,1,-nopreprep -char -unigram -add-delta ,31,5,86.11 guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st.1.CVE-2009-3829.1.0.100.00 1st,2,CVE-2009-2563,1,0,100.00 1st,3,CVE-2009-2562,1,0,100.00 1st,4,CVE-2009-4378,1,0,100.00 1st,5,CVE-2009-2561,1,0,100.00 1st.6.CVE-2009-4377.1.0.100.00 1st,7,CVE-2009-4376,1,0,100.00 1st,8,CVE-2010-2286,1,0,100.00 1st.9.CVE-2010-0304.1.0.100.00 1st,10,CVE-2010-2285,1,0,100.00 1st.11.CVE-2010-2284.1.0.100.00 1st,12,CVE-2010-2283,1,0,100.00 1st,13,CVE-2009-2559,1,0,100.00 1st.14.CVE-2009-3550.1.0.100.00 1st, 15, CVE-2009-3549, 1, 0, 100.00

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Preliminary Results IX

1st,16,CVE-2010-1455,8,1,88.89 1st.17.CVE-2009-3243.3.1.75.00 1st,18,CVE-2009-3241,2,2,50.00 1st.19.CVE-2009-2560.1.1.50.00 1st.20.CVE-2009-3242.1.1.50.00 2nd,1,CVE-2009-3829,1,0,100.00 2nd.2.CVE-2009-2563.1.0.100.00 2nd,3,CVE-2009-2562,1,0,100.00 2nd,4,CVE-2009-4378,1,0,100.00 2nd.5.CVE-2009-2561.1.0.100.00 2nd, 6, CVE-2009-4377, 1, 0, 100.00 2nd.7.CVE-2009-4376.1.0.100.00 2nd.8.CVE-2010-2286.1.0.100.00 2nd,9,CVE-2010-0304,1,0,100.00 2nd.10.CVE-2010-2285.1.0.100.00 2nd, 11, CVE-2010-2284, 1, 0, 100.00 2nd, 12, CVE-2010-2283, 1, 0, 100.00 2nd.13.CVE-2009-2559.1.0.100.00 2nd, 14, CVE-2009-3550, 1, 0, 100.00 2nd, 15, CVE-2009-3549, 1, 0, 100.00 2nd.16.CVE-2010-1455.8.1.88.89 2nd, 17, CVE-2009-3243, 3, 1, 75.00

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2nd,18,CVE-2009-3241,3,1,75.00 2nd,19,CVE-2009-2560,1,1,50.00 2nd,20,CVE-2009-3242,1,1,50.00

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Preliminary Results XI

Wireshark, CWE-based (NLP)

Notice $\approx 22\%$ are in the 2nd guesses:

guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,-cweid -nopreprep -char -unigram -add-delta ,21,15,58.33 2nd,1,-cweid -nopreprep -char -unigram -add-delta ,29,7,80.56 guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st.1.CWE-399.1.0.100.00 1st.2.CWE-189.1.0.100.00 1st,3,CWE-20,8,2,80.00 1st.4.NVD-CWE-Other.2.1.66.67 1st,5,NVD-CWE-noinfo,8,9,47.06 1st,6,CWE-119,1,3,25.00 2nd.1.CWE-399.1.0.100.00 2nd,2,CWE-189,1,0,100.00 2nd.3.CWE-20.9.1.90.00 2nd.4.NVD-CWE-Other.3.0.100.00 2nd,5,NVD-CWE-noinfo,13,4,76.47 2nd.6.CWE-119.2.2.50.00

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Preliminary Results XII

Chrome, CVE-based

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guess, run, config, good, bad, %
1st,1,-nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,10,1,90.91
1st,2,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,10,1,90.91
1st,3,-nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,10,1,90.91
1st,4,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,10,1,90.91
1st,5,-nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,9,2,81.82
1st,6,-nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,9,2,81.82
2nd,1,-nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,11,0,100.00
2nd,2,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,11,0,100.00
2nd,3,-nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,11,0,100.00
2nd, 4, -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb , 11, 0, 100.00
2nd,5,-nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,10,1,90.91
2nd,6,-nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,10,1,90.91
guess, run, config, good, bad, %
1st,1,CVE-2010-2301,6,0,100.00
1st.2.CVE-2010-2300.6.0.100.00
1st,3,CVE-2010-2299,6,0,100.00
1st,4,CVE-2010-2298,6,0,100.00
1st,5,CVE-2010-2297,6,0,100.00
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1st,6,CVE-2010-2304,6,0,100.00
1st,7,CVE-2010-2303,6,0,100.00
1st,8,CVE-2010-2295,10,2,83.33
1st,9,CVE-2010-2302,6,6,50.00
2nd,1,CVE-2010-2301,6,0,100.00
2nd,3,CVE-2010-2299,6,0,100.00
2nd,4,CVE-2010-2299,6,0,100.00
2nd,5,CVE-2010-2297,6,0,100.00
2nd,6,CVE-2010-2303,6,0,100.00
2nd,8,CVE-2010-2303,6,0,100.00
2nd,8,CVE-2010-2295,10,2,83.33
2nd,9,CVE-2010-2302,12,0,100.00

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Preliminary Results XIV

Chrome, CWE-based

guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,9,0,100.00 1st,2,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,9,0,100.00 1st,3,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,9,0,100.00 1st,4,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,8,1,88.89 1st,5,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,8,1,88.89 1st,6,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,6,3,66.67 2nd,1,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,9,0,100.00 2nd,2,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,9,0,100.00 2nd,3,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,9,0,100.00 2nd,4,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,8,1,88.89 2nd,5,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,8,1,88.89 2nd,6,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,8,1,88.89 guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,CWE-79,6,0,100.00 1st.2.NVD-CWE-noinfo.6.0.100.00 1st,3,CWE-399,6,0,100.00 1st,4,CWE-119,6,0,100.00 1st,5,CWE-20,6,0,100.00

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1st,6,NVD-CWE-Other,10,2,83.33
1st,7,CWE-94,9,3,75.00
2nd,1,CWE-79,6,0,100.00
2nd,2,NVD-CWE-noinfo,6,0,100.00
2nd,3,CWE-399,6,0,100.00
2nd,4,CWE-119,6,0,100.00
2nd,5,CWE-20,6,0,100.00
2nd,6,NVD-CWE-Other,11,1,91.67
2nd,7,CWE-94,10,2,83.33

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Preliminary Results XVI

Tomcat, CVE-based

1st,1,-nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,36,7,83.72 1st,2,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,36,7,83.72 1st,3,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,37,9,80.43 1st,4,-nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,34,9,79.07 1st,5,-nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,28,15,65.12 1st,6,-nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,26,17,60.47 2nd,1,-nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,40,3,93.02 2nd,2,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,40,3,93.02 2nd,3,-nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,40,6,86.96 2nd,4,-nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,36,7,83.72 2nd,5,-nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,31,12,72.09 2nd,6,-nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,29,14,67.44 guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st.1.CVE-2006-7197.6.0.100.00 1st,2,CVE-2006-7196,6,0,100.00 1st.3.CVE-2006-7195.6.0.100.00 1st,4,CVE-2009-0033,6,0,100.00 1st,5,CVE-2007-3386,6,0,100.00 1st, 6, CVE-2009-2901, 3, 0, 100.00

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1st,7,CVE-2007-3385,6,0,100.00 1st.8.CVE-2008-2938.6.0.100.00 1st,9,CVE-2007-3382,6,0,100.00 1st.10.CVE-2007-5461.6.0.100.00 1st.11.CVE-2007-6286.6.0.100.00 1st,12,CVE-2007-1858,6,0,100.00 1st.13.CVE-2008-0128.6.0.100.00 1st,14,CVE-2007-2450,6,0,100.00 1st, 15, CVE-2009-3548, 6, 0, 100.00 1st.16.CVE-2009-0580.6.0.100.00 1st,17,CVE-2007-1355,6,0,100.00 1st.18.CVE-2008-2370.6.0.100.00 1st.19.CVE-2008-4308.6.0.100.00 1st,20,CVE-2007-5342,6,0,100.00 1st,21,CVE-2008-5515,19,5,79.17 1st,22,CVE-2009-0783,11,4,73.33 1st,23,CVE-2008-1232,13,5,72.22 1st.24.CVE-2008-5519.6.6.50.00 1st,25,CVE-2007-5333,6,6,50.00 1st,26,CVE-2008-1947,6,6,50.00 1st.27.CVE-2009-0781.6.6.50.00 1st,28,CVE-2007-0450,5,7,41.67

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1st,29,CVE-2007-2449,6,12,33.33 1st.30.CVE-2009-2693.2.6.25.00 1st,31,CVE-2009-2902,0,1,0.00 2nd.1.CVE-2006-7197.6.0.100.00 2nd.2.CVE-2006-7196.6.0.100.00 2nd,3,CVE-2006-7195,6,0,100.00 2nd.4.CVE-2009-0033.6.0.100.00 2nd,5,CVE-2007-3386,6,0,100.00 2nd, 6, CVE-2009-2901, 3, 0, 100.00 2nd.7.CVE-2007-3385.6.0.100.00 2nd,8,CVE-2008-2938,6,0,100.00 2nd.9.CVE-2007-3382.6.0.100.00 2nd, 10, CVE-2007-5461, 6, 0, 100, 00 2nd, 11, CVE-2007-6286, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd, 12, CVE-2007-1858, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd, 13, CVE-2008-0128, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd, 14, CVE-2007-2450, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd.15.CVE-2009-3548.6.0.100.00 2nd, 16, CVE-2009-0580, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd, 17, CVE-2007-1355, 6, 0, 100.00 2nd, 18, CVE-2008-2370, 6, 0, 100, 00 2nd, 19, CVE-2008-4308, 6, 0, 100.00

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2nd,20,CVE-2007-5342,6,0,100.00 2nd,21,CVE-2008-5515,19,5,79.17 2nd,22,CVE-2009-0783,12,3,80.00 2nd,23,CVE-2008-1232,13,5,72.22 2nd,24,CVE-2008-5519,12,0,100.00 2nd,25,CVE-2007-5333,6,6,50.00 2nd,26,CVE-2008-1947,6,6,50.00 2nd,27,CVE-2009-0781,12,0,100.00 2nd,28,CVE-2007-0450,7,5,58.33 2nd,29,CVE-2007-2449,8,10,44.44 2nd,30,CVE-2009-2693,4,4,50.00 2nd,31,CVE-2009-2902,0,1,0.00

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Preliminary Results XX

Tomcat, CWE-based

guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,27,6,81.82 1st,2,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,27,6,81.82 1st,3,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,24,9,72.73 1st,4,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,13,20,39.39 1st,5,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,12,21,36.36 1st,6,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,9,24,27.27 2nd,1,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb ,32,1,96.97 2nd,2,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -diff ,32,1,96.97 2nd,3,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -cos ,29,4,87.88 2nd,4,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -eucl ,17,16,51.52 2nd,5,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -hamming ,18,15,54.55 2nd,6,-cweid -nopreprep -raw -fft -mink ,13,20,39.39 guess, run, config, good, bad, % 1st,1,CWE-264,7,0,100.00 1st.2.CWE-255.6.0.100.00 1st,3,CWE-16,6,0,100.00 1st,4,CWE-119,6,0,100.00 1st,5,CWE-20,6,0,100.00

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1st,6,CWE-200,22,4,84.62 1st,7,CWE-79,24,21,53.33 1st,8,CWE-22,35,61,36.46 2nd,1,CWE-264,7,0,100.00 2nd,2,CWE-255,6,0,100.00 2nd,3,CWE-16,6,0,100.00 2nd,4,CWE-119,6,0,100.00 2nd,5,CWE-20,6,0,100.00 2nd,6,CWE-200,23,3,88.46 2nd,7,CWE-79,30,15,66.67 2nd,8,CWE-22,57,39,59.38

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Typical output fragment

File: wireshark-1.2.0/epan/dissectors/packet-afs.c Config: -nopreprep -raw -fft -cheb -graph Processing time: 0d:0h:0m:0s:156ms:156ms Subject's ID: 20092562 Subject identified: CVE-2009-2562 ... Expected subject's ID: 20092562 (possible: [20092562]) Expected subject: CVE-2009-2562 Second Best ID: 3 Second Best Name: CVE-2010-2285 Date/time: Fri Oct 01 13:48:09 EDT 2010

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- Looking at a signal is less intuitive visually for code analysis.
- Line numbers! (easily "filtered out" as high-frequency "noise", etc.). A whole "relativistic" and machine learning methodology developed for the line numbers.
- Accuracy depends on the quality of the knowledge base.
 "Garbage in garbage out."
- To detect CVE or CWE signatures in non-CVE cases requires large knowledge bases (human-intensive to collect).
- No path tracing (since no parsing is present); no slicing, semantic annotations, context, locality of reference, etc.
- ► Lots of algorithms and their combinations to try (currently \approx 1800 permutations).

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- ▶ Relatively fast (e.g. Wireshark ≈ 2400 files train and test about 3 minutes)
- Language independent (no parsing) given enough examples can apply to any language, i.e. methodology is the same no matter C, C++, Java or any other source or binary language.
- Can automatically learn a large knowledge base to test on known and unknown cases.
- Can be used to quickly pre-scan projects for further analysis by humans and other tools.
- Can learn from other SATE'10 reports.
- ► Can learn from SATE'09 and SATE'08 reports.
- ► High precision in CVEs and CWE detection.
- Lots of algorithms and their combinations.

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Practical implications:

- The approach can be used on any target language without modifications to the methodology or knowing the syntax of the language.
- The approach can nearly identically be transposed onto the compiled binaries and bytecode, detecting vulnerable deployments and installations – sort of like virus scanning of binaries, but instead scanning for security-weak binaries on site deployments to alert sysadmins.
- ► Can learn from binary signatures from other tools like Snort.
- Open-source MARF already is; MARFCAT will be published soon after the workshop along with the e-print documentation in [Mok10c].

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Thank you :-)

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